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SUBJECT: MEXICAN PRESIDENT'S STOP IN COSTA RICA

1. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA ARRIVED IN SAN JOSE ATH W P.M., JULY 10, FOR A "TECHNICAL STOP" BEFORE PROCEEDING ON TO QUITO AT 8 A.M., JULY 11. ECHEVERRIA'S BREIF STOP INCLUDED A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ODUBER, A PRESS CONFERENCE, AND A BANQUET HOSTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF COSTA RICA.

2. ECHEVERRIA' STOP WAS WIDELY COVERED IN THE PRESS AND INCLUDED CONSIDERABLE BUILD-UP IN THE GOVERNMENT-ORIENTED MEDIA. PRESS REPORTS SAID ODUBER AND ECHEVERRIA, DURING THEIR PRIVATE MEETING, DISCUSSED COFFEE AND BANANA PRICES, THE NEED FOR INCREASED COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE LATIN AMERICAN DMFRONT# FOR BETTER PRICES FOR EXPORTED PRODUCTS.

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3. DURING HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, ECHEVERRIA

EXPRESSED HIS COUNTRY'S DESIRE FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING WITH CENTRAL AMERICA AND SOUTH AMERICA. HE STRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER THE UNJUST "COMMERCIAL DISEQUILIBRIUM" THAT EXISTS IN THE WORLD AND THE NEED TO DEFEND THE PRICES OF EXPORTS SUCH AS COFFEE AND BANANAS. LATER HE WAS REPORTED SAYING, "EVEN THOUGH WE ARE NOT BANANA EXPORTERS WE ARE FIRMLY SUPPORTIVE OF THOSE COUNTRIES (SEEKING BETTER PRICES). WE ARE WITH YOU." WITH RESPECT TO CUBA, ECHEVERRIA WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, "WE ARE RESPECTFUL OF WHAT OCCURS INTERNALLY WITHIN EACH COUNTRY, BUT (WE) ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH THOSE WHO WANT TO REVIEW THE CUBAN ISSUE."
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